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BATMAN
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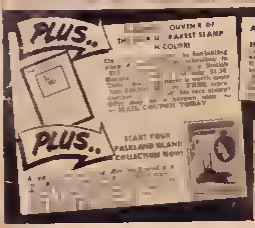
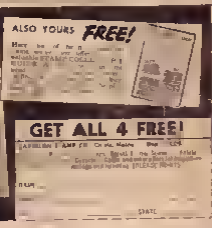
YES-- HE'S GETTING TO BE *TOO* GOOD A DETECTIVE!





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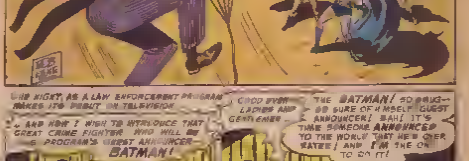

BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
THE JOKER RETURNS!
YES ONCE AGAIN THAT ARCH PRANKSTER, THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME RETURNS. MOCKINGLY, DEFIANTLY HE LEAVES BRAZEN CLUES TO HIS THEFTS IN ADVANCE DARING THE [illegible] FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN "TO OUTWIT HIM IN A GAME OF WITS" AND WHEN BATMAN ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE, THE WORLD WATCHES AND WAITS TO SEE WHO WILL BE THE VICTOR WHEN — The
JOKER ANNOUNCES DANGER
YOU'RE TOO LATE, BATMAN! I'LL MAKE MY ESCAPE AS ALWAYS! HA,HA! HA,HA!
ONE NIGHT, AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM MAKES ITS DEBUT ON TELEVISION
... AND NOW I WISH TO INTRODUCE THAT GREAT CRIME FIGHTER WHO WILL BE THIS PROGRAM'S GUEST ANNOUNCER — BATMAN!
GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...
THE BATMAN! SO SMUG — SO SURE OF HIMSELF! GUEST ANNOUNCER! BAH! IT'S TIME SOMEONE ANNOUNCED TO THE WORLD THAT HE'S OVERRATED! AND I'M THE ONE TO DO IT!

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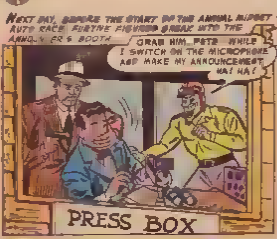
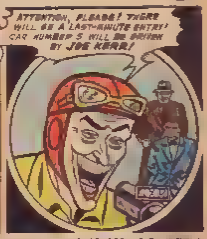
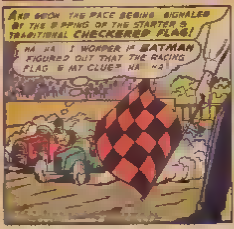
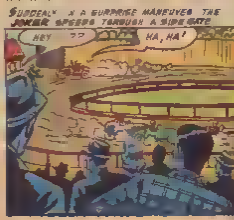
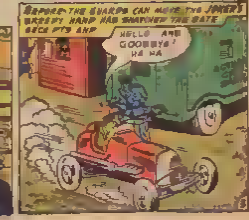
LATER, A FIGURE FROM THE PAST WALKS THROUGH MODERN DAY GOTHAM CITY...
HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
LOOK! IT'S SOMEONE DRESSED UP AS AN OLD-FASHIONED "TOWN CRIER"!
I WONDER WHAT NEWS HE'LL ANNOUNCE?
SUDDENLY, THE "TOWN CRIER" WIPES OFF HIS MAKEUP TO REVEAL THE MOCKING FACE OF
THE JOKER!
HA HA! YES, THE JOKER -- HERE TO ANNOUNCE THAT I CHALLENGE BATMAN TO ANOTHER CONTEST OF WITS! HA HA!
COMING OUT OF THE TV STUDIO NEARBY, BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR THE JOKER'S INSULTING DEFIANCE
SURE OF YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?
SO SURE THAT I WILL ANNOUNCE ALL MY PLANS IN ADVANCE BY LEAVING CLUES! AND TO MAKE IT FITTING, ALL MY CRIMES WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ANNOUNCING!
HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE JOKER WILL NOW ESCAPE! HA! HA!
COME ON, ROBIN -- LET'S PUT THAT LAUGHING HYENA IN A CAGE!
CLANG
CLANG
BUT ON BURSTING IN
HE SLIPPED THROUGH ONE OF THESE OFFICE DOORS! BUT WHICH ONE?
THAT ONE! I CAN HEAR HIS BELL!
CLANG
CLANG
HE TRICKED US! HE TIED THE BELL TO THAT ROTATING FAN!
AND LOOK THERE! HE LEFT A CLUE TO HIS NEXT CRIME! A CHECKERBOARD!
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
THAT MEANS HIS NEXT CRIME WILL INVOLVE A SPORTS ANNOUNCER AND CHESS OR CHECKERS
TOO OBVIOUS, ROBIN! I'M SURE THERE'S A DEEPER MEANING FOR THAT CHECKERBOARD BUT WHAT CAN IT BE?
READER, CAN YOU GUESS THE RIDDLE OF THE CHECKERBOARD CLUE?



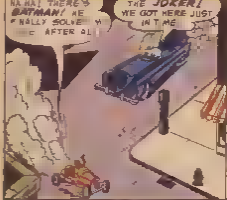


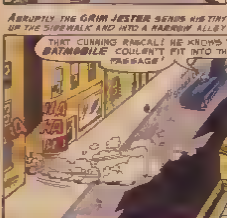


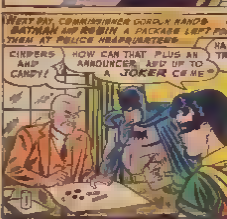


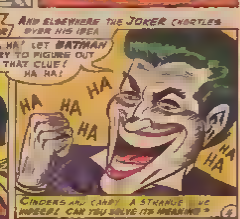


NEXT DAY, BEFORE THE START OF THE ANNUAL MIDGET AUTO RACE, FURTIVE FIGURES SNEAK INTO THE ANNOUNCER'S BOOTH
GRAB HIM, PETE, WHILE I SWITCH ON THE MICROPHONE AND MAKE MY ANNOUNCEMENT! HA! HA!
PRESS BOX
ATTENTION, PLEASE! THERE WILL BE A LAST-MINUTE ENTRY! CAR NUMBER 5 WILL BE DRIVEN BY JOE KERR!
AND SOON THE RACE BEGINS, SIGNALED BY THE DIPPING OF THE STARTER'S TRADITIONAL CHECKERED FLAG!
HA HA! I WONDER IF BATMAN FIGURED OUT THAT THE RACING FLAG IS MY CLUE? HA HA!
AS THE LITTLE CARS ROAR AROUND THE TRACK THE JOKER PREPARES TO ACT ON THE REST OF HIS PLAN
EXACTLY THREE O'CLOCK — THE TIME THE ARMORED TRUCK PULLS UP TO TAKE THE GATE RECEIPTS!
SUDDENLY, IN A SURPRISE MANEUVER, THE JOKER SPEEDS THROUGH A SIDE GATE
HEY ??
HA, HA!
BEFORE THE GUARDS CAN MOVE, THE JOKER'S GREEDY HAND HAS SNATCHED THE GATE RECEIPTS AND
HELLO AND GOODBYE! HA HA

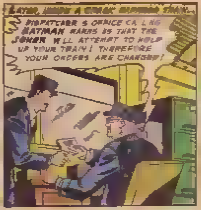








SUDDENLY A SLEEK VEHICLE APPEARS...
HA HA! THERE'S BATMAN! HE FINALLY SOLVED MY [illegible] AFTER ALL!
THE JOKER! WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!
LIKE A STREAMLINED METEOR OF STEEL THE BATMOBILE CAREENS AFTER THE MIDGET MENACE
EVEN A RACING CAR CAN'T OUTRUN THE BATMOBILE -- BUT I PREPARED FOR THIS EMERGENCY!
ABRUPTLY THE GRIM JESTER SENDS HIS TINY CAR UP THE SIDEWALK AND INTO A NARROW ALLEY
THAT CUNNING RASCAL! HE KNOWS THE BATMOBILE COULDN'T FIT INTO THAT PASSAGE!
HA
HA
HA
PURSUIT'S USELESS NOW! HE'S HAD TOO MUCH OF A HEADSTART! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND HOPE HE SLIPS UP WITH HIS NEXT CLUE!
NEXT DAY, COMMISSIONER GORDON HANDS BATMAN AND ROBIN A PACKAGE LEFT FOR THEM AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
CINDERS AND CANDY!
HOW CAN THAT PLUS AN ANNOUNCER ADD UP TO A JOKER CRIME?
AND ELSEWHERE THE JOKER CHORTLES OVER HIS IDEA
HA HA! LET BATMAN TRY TO FIGURE OUT THAT CLUE! HA HA!
HA HA HA HA
HA HA
CINDERS AND CANDY -- A STRANGE CLUE INDEED! CAN YOU SOLVE ITS MEANING?



LATER, INSIDE A CRACK EXPRESS TRAIN...
DISPATCHER'S OFFICE CALLING! BATMAN WARNS US THAT THE JOKER WILL ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP YOUR TRAIN! THEREFORE YOUR ORDERS ARE CHANGED!
"THE DISPATCHER'S OFFICE?" NO, IT IS THE GRIM JESTER WHO IS DOING THE TALKING!
STOP YOUR TRAIN AT THE NEXT YARD TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL [illegible]75!
SO SHORTLY AFTER THE ENGINEER BRINGS HIS TRAIN TO A STOP AND UNWITTINGLY ALLOWS THE DISGUISED JOKER'S BAND ABOARD
THE JOKER!
I'LL TAKE THAT CONSIGNMENT OF JEWELS THAT THIS TRAIN IS CARRYING
MEANWHILE
YOU FINALLY DID IT-- YOU FIGURED OUT THE CHEERS WAS A CLUE TO THE CATEREERS OF RAILROAD TRACKS BATMAN
AS FOR THE CANDY CLUE, THAT MEANT A CANDY TRAIN-- RAILROAD SLANG FOR A TRAIN TRANSPORTING JEWELRY!
AND FREIGHT LISTINGS TOLD YOU ONLY ONE TRAIN IS CARRYING A BIG CONSIGNMENT OF JEWELRY!
THERE'S THE TRAIN NOW! I'LL WARN ONE OF THOSE RAILROAD MEN ABOUT THE JOKER!
SUDDENLY BATMAN'S TRAINED EYES NOTE SOMETHING UNUSUAL...
REAL RAILROAD MEN ALWAYS OBEY THE SAFETY RULE OF BACKING DOWN CAR STEPS! THOSE MEN ARE PHONIES!
BUT AS THE CAPED LAWMEN CHARGE...
HURRY! WE CAN SEE THEM IN THE MAINTENANCE YARD

IF ONLY WE COULD DOWN THEM FAST
WE CAN! THERE'S THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEM!
WITH ONE TREMENDOUS HEAVE BATMAN AND ROBIN SEND THE TRAIN AXLE RO[illegible] INTO THE BANDITS, AND
UHRR! I DROPPED THE SATCHEL OF JEWELRY
THEN LIKE [illegible] ANGE, BATMAN AND ROBIN STRIKE
[illegible] MUST FORGET THE LOOT AND CONCENTRATE ON ESCAPE WHILE BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE BUSY FIGHTING THE MUSCLEMEN I HIRED
MOMENTS [illegible] BATMAN, ROBIN AND POLICE SEAR[illegible] WITHOUT SUCCESS
BATMAN! AT LEAST HE DIDN'T GET AWAY WITH HIS LOOT THIS TIME!
[illegible] BE [illegible] ED UNTIL [illegible] LOCKED [illegible] BEHIND BARS
AFTERWARD, WHEN THE YARD IS DESERTED THE DOOR OF A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE UNDER REPAIR SWINGS OPEN
HA HA! THE ONE PLACE THEY NEVER FIGURED I'D BE HIDING IN — THE COLD SMOKE BOX! HA HA! NOW I'M FREE TO ARRANGE MY NEXT CRIME! HA HA!
AND NEXT [illegible] LE [illegible] HEADQUARTERS RECEIVES A [illegible]
A PLEN SOCK—
AN A METAL ARROW
READER, CAN YOU UNTANGLE THE CRIME IMPLIED IN THE CRYPTIC CLUES?
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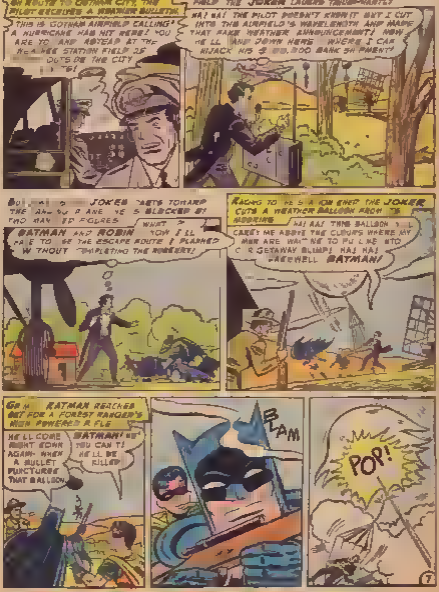
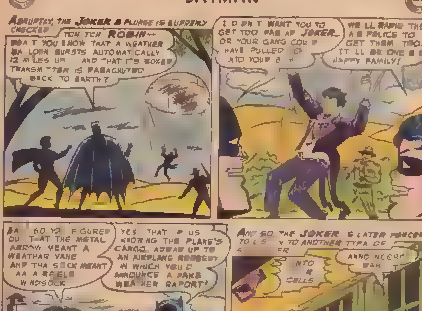


HOURS LATER AS AN AIRLINER IS ON ROUTE TO GOTHAM CITY, THE PILOT RECEIVES A WEATHER BULLETIN
THIS IS GOTHAM AIRFIELD CALLING! A HURRICANE HAS HIT HERE! YOU ARE TO LAND INSTEAD AT THE [illegible] STATION FIELD 25 [illegible] OUTSIDE THE CITY [illegible]!
HIDDEN IN THE WOODS NEAR THE WEATHER STATION FIELD THE JOKER LAUGHS TRIUMPHANTLY
HA! HA! THE PILOT DOESN'T KNOW IT BUT I CUT INTO THE AIRFIELD'S WAVELENGTH AND MADE THAT FAKE WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT! NOW HE'LL LAND DOWN HERE... WHERE I CAN HIJACK HIS $[illegible],000 BANK SHIPMENT!
BUT [illegible] JOKER DARTS TOWARD THE LANDING PLANE HE IS BLOCKED BY TWO [illegible] FIGURES
WHAT--? BATMAN AND ROBIN! NOW I'LL HAVE TO USE THE ESCAPE ROUTE I PLANNED WITHOUT COMPLETING THE ROBBERY!
RACING TO THE STATION SHED THE JOKER CUTS A WEATHER BALLOON FROM ITS MOORING
HA! HA! THIS BALLOON WILL CARRY ME ABOVE THE CLOUDS WHERE MY MEN ARE WAITING TO PULL ME INTO OUR GETAWAY BLIMP! HA! HA! FAREWELL BATMAN!
GRIMLY BATMAN REACHES OUT FOR A FOREST RANGER'S HIGH POWERED RIFLE
HE'LL COME RIGHT DOWN AGAIN-- WHEN A BULLET PUNCTURES THAT BALLOON.
BATMAN! BUT YOU CAN'T! HE'LL BE KILLED!
BLAM
POP!



ABRUPTLY, THE JOKER'S PLUNGE IS SUDDENLY CHECKED
TCH TCH ROBIN -- DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT A WEATHER BALLOON BURSTS AUTOMATICALLY 12 MILES UP -- AND THAT IT'S BOXED TRANSMITTER IS PARACHUTED BACK TO EARTH?
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GET TOO FAR AWAY, JOKER... OR YOUR GANG COULD HAVE PULLED [illegible] INTO YOUR [illegible]
WE'LL RADIO THE AIR POLICE TO GET THEM TOO! IT'LL BE ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY!
BAT[illegible] SO YOU FIGURED OUT THAT THE METAL ARROW MEANT A WEATHER VANE AND THE SOCK MEANT AN AIRFIELD WINDSOCK
YES, THAT [illegible] US KNOWING THE PLANE'S CARGO, ADDED UP TO AN AIRPLANE ROBBERY IN WHICH YOU'D ANNOUNCE A FAKE WEATHER REPORT!
AND SO THE JOKER IS LATER FORCED TO [illegible] TO ANOTHER TYPE OF [illegible]ER
INTO [illegible] CELLS
AND NO CROOK [illegible]
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SOME HIT!
HOLD IT! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
B-BUT WE'RE PLAYING A GAME
CASEY, WHAT'S THE ARGUMENT ABOUT?
WELL WARDEN —
THE BALL WAS HIT OVER THE WALL AND #452 WANTS TO GO OUT AFTER IT!

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GET WILDROOT CREAM-OIL CHARLIE!
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TIME
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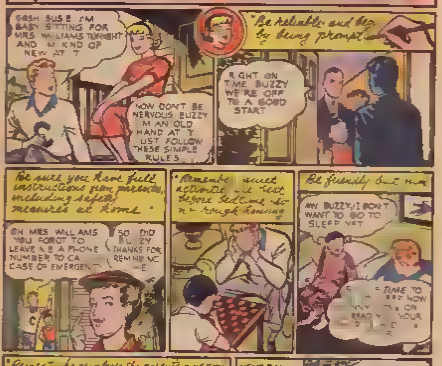

BUZZY asks: "Do You Know How To Be A Good Baby-Sitter?"
GOSH SUSIE I'M BABY SITTING FOR MRS WILLIAMS TONIGHT AND I'M KIND OF NEW AT IT
NOW DON'T BE NERVOUS BUZZY I'M AN OLD HAND AT IT JUST FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES
"Be reliable and dependable by being prompt"
RIGHT ON TIME BUZZY WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START
"Be sure you have full instructions from parents, including safety measures at home"
OH MRS WILLIAMS YOU FORGOT TO LEAVE ME A PHONE NUMBER TO CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
SO I DID BUZZY THANKS FOR REMINDING ME
"Remember quiet activities and rest before bedtime — no rough housing"
"Be friendly but firm"
AW BUZZY, I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SLEEP YET
TIME TO SLEEP NOW
"Respect the privileges the parents give you"
THANKS FOR CALLING SUSIE, BUT I HAVE TO HANG UP NOW IN CASE JOHNNY'S MOTHER WANTS TO PHONE HOME
OUCH! YOU'RE SURE FOLLOWING MY RULES TO THE LETTER!
NEXT DAY
EVERYTHING WENT FINE THANKS TO YOU, SUSIE
I WAS SURE IT WOULD BUZZY WE FOUND THAT IF YOU TAKE THE JOB SERIOUSLY YOU'LL ALWAYS BE IN DEMAND

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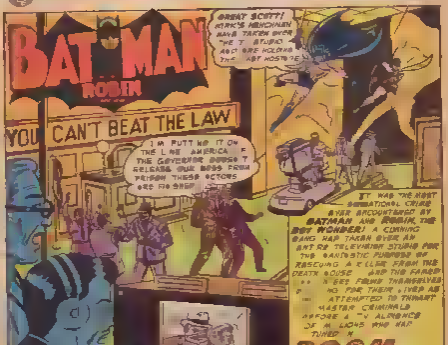
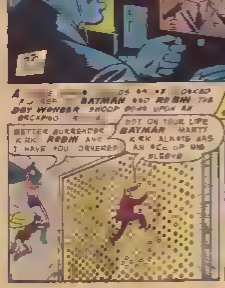
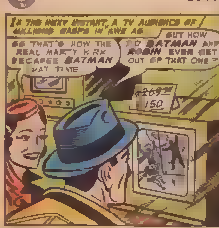
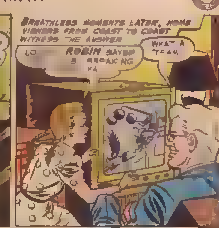
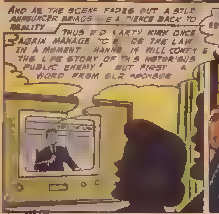


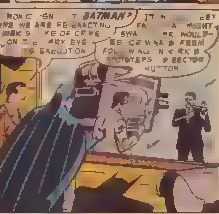


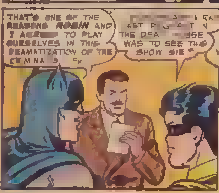
BATMAN
ROBIN
YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LAW
GREAT SCOTT! KIRK'S HENCHMEN HAVE TAKEN OVER THE TV STUDIO AND ARE HOLDING THE CAST HOSTAGE!
I'M PUTTING IT ON THE LINE, AMERICA! IF THE GOVERNOR DOESN'T RELEASE OUR BOSS FROM PRISON, THESE ACTORS ARE [illegible]
IT WAS THE MOST SENSATIONAL CRIME EVER ENCOUNTERED BY BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER! A CUNNING GANG HAD TAKEN OVER AN ENTIRE TELEVISION STUDIO FOR THE FANTASTIC PURPOSE OF RESCUING A KILLER FROM THE DEATH HOUSE -- AND THE FAMED MANHUNTERS FOUND THEMSELVES FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO THWART MASTER CRIMINALS BEFORE A TV AUDIENCE OF MILLIONS WHO HAD TUNED IN --
DOOM ON CHANNEL 14
A [illegible] LOOKED ON, SEE BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER SWOOP DOWN UPON AN ESCAPING [illegible]
BETTER SURRENDER, KIRK! ROBIN AND I HAVE YOU COVERED!
NOT ON YOUR LIFE, BATMAN! MARTY KIRK ALWAYS HAS AN ACE UP HIS SLEEVE!
AS THE FAMED MANHUNTERS CLOSE IN ON THEIR QUARRY, BATMAN MAKES A STRANGE SUGGESTION...
HURRY! THROW ONE OF THE SIGN BULBS AT ME! WE'RE ALMOST UPON YOU!
OKAY, BATMAN!
WHAT REASON DOES [illegible] BATMAN HAVE FOR HELPING THE ENEMY?

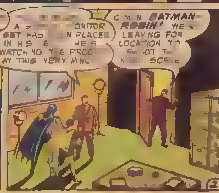












IN THE NEXT INSTANT, A TV AUDIENCE OF MILLIONS GASPS IN AWE AS
SO THAT'S HOW THE REAL MARTY KIRK ESCAPED BATMAN THAT TIME
BUT HOW DID BATMAN AND ROBIN EVER GET OUT OF THAT ONE?
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BREATHLESS MOMENTS LATER, HOME VIEWERS FROM COAST TO COAST WITNESS THE ANSWER
LOOK! ROBIN SAVED BATMAN BY BREAKING THE
WHAT A TEAM!
AND AS THE SCENE FADES OUT A STUDIO ANNOUNCER BRINGS THE AUDIENCE BACK TO REALITY
THUS DID MARTY KIRK ONCE AGAIN MANAGE TO ELUDE THE LAW. IN A MOMENT THIS CHANNEL WILL CONTINUE THE LIFE STORY OF THIS NOTORIOUS PUBLIC ENEMY! BUT FIRST A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR
HOW COME SO WE ARE RE-ENACTING THE OF CRIME ON THE EVE OF HIS EXECUTION
IT WAS A MIGHTY SWELL WE WOULD BE CRIMINAL FOLLOWING KIRK'S DIRECTOR HUTTON
THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS ROBIN AND I AGREED TO PLAY OURSELVES IN THIS DRAMATIZATION OF THE CRIMINAL'S
GET PERMISSION THE DEATH HOUSE WAS TO SEE THIS SHOW SIR
A MONITOR SET HAS BEEN PLACED IN HIS CELL. HE IS WATCHING THE PROGRAM AT THIS VERY MINUTE
COME ON BATMAN—ROBIN! WE'RE LEAVING FOR LOCATION TO SHOOT THE NEXT SCENE
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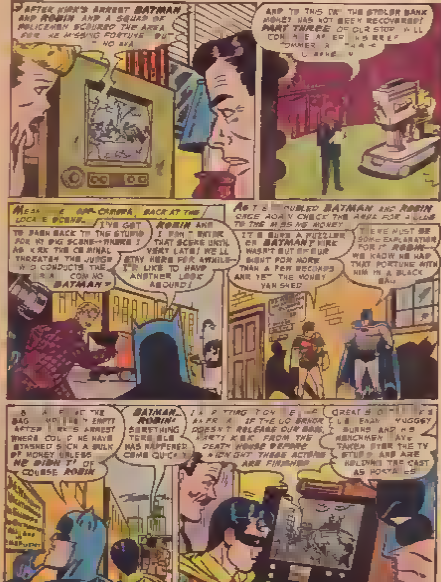
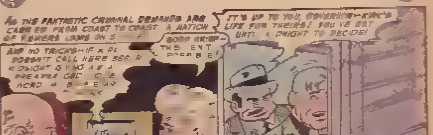
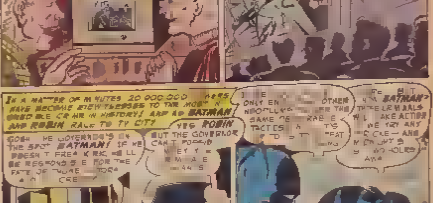
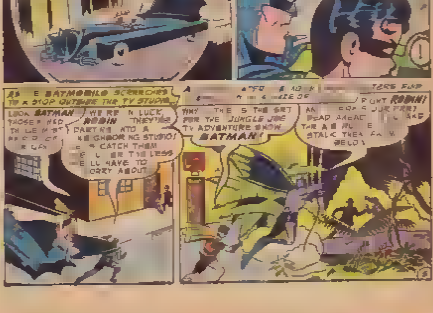
AS THE FAMED PAIR ARRIVES AT THE AREA A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY
THERE IT IS, BATMAN THE ACTUAL LOCATION WHERE YOU APPREHENDED KIRK! WE'VE DUPLICATED THE SCENE JUST AS YOU DESCRIBED IT!
IT'S IDENTICAL DIRECTOR HUTTON [illegible] WE'RE [illegible]
AND NOW PART TWO OF OUR TV SHOW "YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LAW" NOTORIOUS MARTY KIRK HAS JUST HELD UP THE FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK AND ESCAPED WITH $ 50,000 BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE HOT ON HIS HEELS
PLACES EVERY ONE
A MOMENT LATER AS THE TV CAMERA LIGHT FLASHES AT THE LOCALE SCENE THE ROAR OF THE BATMOBILE FILLS THE AIR
ABOUT HERE IS WHERE BATMAN [illegible] WHERE WE [illegible] THE REAL KIRK
I'LL OPEN UP BATMOBILE'S JET POWER ROBIN
NEPTUNE STORAGE VAN
SCREECHHH
[illegible] THE MOMENTUM OF THE BATMOBILE CARRIED US A GOOD [illegible] BATMAN!
WE'LL [illegible] MAKE UP THAT GROUND ROBIN [illegible] IS AT OUR [illegible] OUT!
BATMAN'S [illegible] FOR [illegible] OUR MINUTES LATER HE FAMED [illegible] LOCATED PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1
BUT EVEN [illegible] DEFEAT MARTY KIRK [illegible]
THE [illegible] BANK MONEY IT'S GONE ROBIN!
[illegible] HAVE STASHED HERE IN THE PARK SOMEWHERE BATMAN!



AFTER KIRK'S ARREST BATMAN AND ROBIN AND A SQUAD OF POLICEMEN SCOURED THE AREA FOR THE MISSING FORTUNE—BUT—[illegible] NO AVAIL
AND TO THIS DAY THE STOLEN BANK MONEY HAS NOT BEEN RECOVERED! PART THREE OF OUR STORY WILL CONTINUE AFTER THIS BRIEF COMMERCIAL [illegible]
MEANWHILE, OFF-CAMERA, BACK AT THE LOCALE SCENE...
I'VE GOT TO DASH BACK TO THE STUDIO FOR MY BIG SCENE—THERE I AS KIRK THE CRIMINAL THREATEN THE JUDGE WHO CONDUCTS THE [illegible] COMING BATMAN?
ROBIN AND I DON'T ENTER THAT SCENE UNTIL VERY LATE! WE'LL STAY HERE FOR AWHILE—I'D LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AROUND!
AS THE TROUBLED BATMAN AND ROBIN ONCE AGAIN CHECK THE AREA FOR A CLUE TO THE MISSING MONEY
IT'S SURE A PUZZLER, EH BATMAN? KIRK WASN'T OUT OF OUR SIGHT FOR MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS AND YET THE MONEY VANISHED
THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION FOR IT, ROBIN—WE KNOW HE HAD THAT FORTUNE WITH HIM IN A BLACK BAG
[illegible] THE BAG [illegible] EMPTY AFTER KIRK'S ARREST WHERE COULD HE HAVE STASHED SUCH A BULK OF MONEY UNLESS HE DIDN'T! OF COURSE, ROBIN
BATMAN—ROBIN! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED! COME QUICKLY!
I'M PUTTING [illegible] IF THE GOVERNOR DOESN'T RELEASE OUR BOSS, MARTY KIRK, FROM THE DEATH HOUSE BEFORE MIDNIGHT THESE ACTORS ARE FINISHED
GREAT [illegible] MUGGSY BURNS AND HIS HENCHMEN HAVE TAKEN OVER THE TV STUDIO AND ARE HOLDING THE CAST AS HOSTAGES







AS THE FANTASTIC CRIMINAL DEMANDS ARE CARRIED FROM COAST TO COAST, A NATION OF VIEWERS LOOKS ON S
AND NO TRICKS—IF KIRL DOESN'T CALL HERE BEFORE MIDNIGHT
GOOD GRIEF—THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE!
IT'S UP TO YOU, GOVERNOR—KIRK'S LIFE FOR THEIRS! YOU'VE GOT UNTIL MIDNIGHT TO DECIDE!
IN A MATTER OF MINUTES 20,000,000 VIEWERS HAVE BECOME EYEWITNESSES TO THE MOST INCREDIBLE CRIME IN HISTORY! AND AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RACE TO TV CITY
GOSH, THE GOVERNOR'S ON THE SPOT, BATMAN! IF HE DOESN'T FREE KIRK, HE'LL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FATE OF THOSE
YES, ROBIN—BUT THE GOVERNOR CAN'T
ONLY OTHER THE SAME TACTICS
BATMAN? THE CRIMINALS WILL TAKE ACTION IF WE TRY ANY
AS THE BATMOBILE SCREECHES TO A STOP OUTSIDE THE TV STUDIO
LOOK, BATMAN! THOSE
WE'RE IN LUCK, ROBIN! THEY'RE DARTING INTO A NEIGHBORING STUDIO! CATCH THEM THE LESS WE'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!
WHY—THIS IS THE SET FOR THE JUNGLE JOE TV ADVENTURE SHOW, BATMAN!
RIGHT, ROBIN! READ AHEAD STALK THEM FROM BELOW!
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BUT AS THE ALERT BATMAN HURTLES THROUGH THE AIR
BATMAN— WATCH OUT— THEY'VE CUT THE [illegible]
HUH?
GREAT THUNDER— I'M HURTLING INTO AN ANIMAL TRAP [illegible] ON STAGE
HA HA HA... THAT CAGES BATMAN! NOW FOR THE [illegible]
I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU, BATMAN!
BUT IN HIS EAGERNESS TO SAVE HIS FRIEND ROBIN FAILS TO OBSERVE ANOTHER CONCEALED TRAP AWAITING HIM
ROBIN! THEY'VE SNARED YOU TOO!
LET'S TIE THESE CHARACTERS AND BRING 'EM TO THE OTHER STUDIO. BURNS SAID THEY'D MAKE A COUPLA GOOD HOSTAGES FOR KIRK.
SHORTLY, AS MUGGSY BURNS CONFRONTS THE PRISONERS BATMAN AND ROBIN ON THE STUDIO SET
I'D LIKE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU AND YOUR PAL BATMAN! BUT KIRK IS PAYING US A LOT OF LOOT TO [illegible] THIS RESCUE AND [illegible] OF THE [illegible] MONTH
THIS IS MADNESS, BURNS. THERE'S STILL TIME TO TURN BACK— I'M SURE THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE YOU EVERY CONSIDERATION
WE'RE GOING [illegible] WORDS WITH THE GOVERNOR, BATMAN, BUT ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. SMILE— YOU'RE ON CAMERA!
LOOK [illegible] CAPTURED BATMAN! WE'RE SUNK! HE WAS OUR LAST CHANCE!
YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LAW
THEN, AS BURNS STEPS BEFORE THE CAMERA...
HEY GOVERNOR— HERE'S BATMAN! HE AND [illegible] ROBIN ARE THE MORE HOSTAGES [illegible] THEY GOT IT TOO [illegible]
WHAT?! I HAVE— SOMETHING [illegible]
YOU CAN [illegible] T THE LAW

PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER DO AS THEY DEMAND, GOVERNOR! THESE MEN ARE DESPERATE— THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO FREE KIRK
WELL, WELL... LISTEN TO BATMAN CRAWL
BATMAN!
THE NATION-WIDE AUDIENCE CAN SCARCELY BELIEVE ITS SENSES AS THEY VIEW BATMAN'S PLEA FOR MERCY
PLEASE, I'M ASKING YOU TO RELEASE KIRK, GOVERNOR! THERE ISN'T [illegible] MORE [illegible] ME!
BATMAN COWERING FOR HIS LIFE BEFORE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO RESPECT HIM! THAT'S TERRIBLE!
AS BATMAN'S SHOCKING WORDS REACH THE GOVERNOR IN HIS MANSION, AN EMERGENCY MEETING [illegible]
I NEVER WOULD HAVE BELIEVED THIS OF BATMAN! BUT [illegible] HIS REQUEST [illegible] WE OWE HIM THAT MUCH [illegible] ORDERING KIRK'S RELEASE!
YES, I SUPPOSE WE HAVE NO OTHER [illegible]
THUS DOES ONE OF THE MOST FANTASTIC INCIDENTS IN THE ANNALS OF LAW AND ORDER OCCUR AS [illegible] KIRK STEPS FROM HIS CELL IN THE [illegible] HOUSE A FREE MAN
HA HA! [illegible] HARPER! AND REMEMBER [illegible]! IF I FIND [illegible] THESE [illegible] GET [illegible]
AND THERE'S MY LIMOUSINE READY AND WAITING
A SKUNK LIKE THAT GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER
YES, THANKS TO BATMAN!
MEANWHILE BACK AT THE TV STUDIO
KIRK WILL BE CALLING IN TO TELL HIS HENCHMEN OF HIS RELEASE SOON, BATMAN. WHY DID YOU DO IT? WHY?
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW, ROBIN— WE'VE GOT TO BREAK OUT OF HERE! HMM... THAT FLYING SCENERY UP THERE GIVES ME AN IDEA
AFTER BATMAN'S [illegible] SELECT THE PROPER ROPE [illegible] THE [illegible] TO [illegible] THE STUDIO
THERE HE GOES— GET READY TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT ON THE DOUBLE
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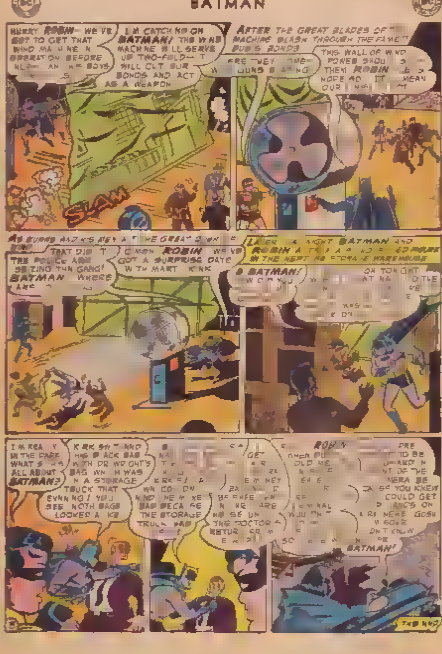

HURRY ROBIN— WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT WIND MACHINE IN OPERATION BEFORE ... BOYS
I'M CATCHING ON BATMAN! THE WIND MACHINE WILL SERVE US TWO-FOLD— IT WILL CUT OUR BONDS AND ACT AS A WEAPON
SLAM
AFTER THE GREAT BLADES OF THE MACHINE SLASH THROUGH THE ... BONDS
ARE THEY ... JUNG ...
THIS WALL OF WIND POWER SHOULD ... THEM ROBIN ... IT ... MEAN OUR ...
THAT DID IT THE POLICE ARE SEIZING THE GANG! BATMAN WHERE ARE ...
C'MON ROBIN WE'VE GOT A SURPRISE DATE WITH MART KIRK
LATER ... NIGHT BATMAN AND ROBIN ... IN THE ... STORAGE WAREHOUSE
BATMAN!
ON TONIGHT ... AT ...
I'M REALLY IN THE DARK WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT BATMAN?
KIRK SWITCHED HIS BLACK BAG WITH DR WRIGHT'S BAG WHICH WAS IN A STORAGE TRUCK THAT EVENING! YOU SEE BOTH BAGS LOOKED ALIKE
... KIRK ... WHEN ... THE BAG BECAUSE THE STORAGE TRUCK HAD ...
GET ... THE MONEY ... BE SAFE ... THE DOCTOR RETURN ...
ROBIN ... WHEN ... OLD ME ... ARE ... TO BE ... OF THE CAMERA BE... YOU KNEW COULD GET ... ON ... HERE GOSH ... DON'T KNOW ... BATMAN!
THE END

SHORTY
LOOKS LIKE I'M CATCHING A COLD!
FINE CHINA
ACHOO!
CRASH
YOU BRO... THE VA...
THAT ... FINE MING PIECE IT WILL COST YOU $75!
WHY COULDN'T I HAVE SNEEZED IN A FIVE AND TEN CENT STORE!

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CASEY
THE COP
OFFICER, QUICK! THERE'S A BURGLAR TRYING TO GET INTO MY HOUSE!
I JUST CAME HOME AND FOUND HIM JIMMYING A WINDOW
WAIT! DON'T ARREST HIM NOW!
WHAT? WHY NOT?
SINCE THE HOUSE WAS PAINTED THAT WINDOW HAS BEEN STUCK - LET HIM GET IT OPEN FIRST!

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NEW GADGET TO FIGHT CRIME

Now, It's the Common Vacuum Cleaner, Which Has Come to the Aid of the Police

NOT long ago, a wealthy manufacturer returned home late from a meeting just in time to hear suspicious noises coming from the library. Bursting in, he caught a glimpse of a masked man just opening the wall safe. The flashlight in the robber's hand provided the only illumination in the room.

Foolishly, the manufacturer, instead of calling out for help, threw himself bodily on the intruder. The two men grappled in the dark for a moment until the robber, seeing his chance, brought the end of the flashlight down on his opponent's head. The manufacturer slowly sank to the floor.

Then the robber, hearing footsteps on the hall staircase, swiftly emptied the safe of its valuables and left through the rear window by means of which he had entered.

Hastily discarding the black mask that had shielded his face, the thief quickly dropped the loot in the thick bushes. If he was picked up the police would find nothing on him to connect him with the crime. He would soon have the chance to prove his theory.

The footsteps heard by the thief belonged to the butler who had been aroused by the sounds of the scuffle. Instantly notifying the police, the butler then went to the side of his employer and helped the injured man to a nearby sofa.

In the meantime, a prowl car in the area, on receiving the alarm, spotted the thief about three blocks from the scene of the crime. And since he was the only figure about at this late hour, he was taken in for questioning.

An hour later the manufacturer, taken to headquarters, failed to identify his assailant. And the flashlight, recovered from a bush in back of the house, was found to have been wiped clean of fingerprints.

"Looks like a perfect crime for—ur—the one who did the job," sneered the confident crook.

"There's no such thing as a perfect crime," snapped the police officer in charge of the case. He added significantly, "And I hope to be able to prove it in an hour or so."

Shortly after, a tall, thin, angular-faced man in plainclothes entered the room at headquarters. Turning to the manufacturer who was seated next to the suspect, he asked:

"You say, you grappled with the ma-

known man before he knocked you unconscious?"

"That's right," answered the injured man.

"Would you kindly remove your coat and let me have it?" And, turning to the suspect, he repeated the request.

The plainclothesman, actually a biochemist working for the police, took both coats into another room. He laid the coats—one brown, the other gray—on a table under a strong light. Then, removing a small vacuum cleaner from its case, he attached a dust collector to the machine and then began carefully vacuuming the front of the gray coat belonging to the victim. A few minutes of this, and he unscrewed the dust collector, substituting a fresh, clean one. The process was repeated with the front of the brown coat.

The dust collectors were then emptied. Each yielded the usual amount of dust, cloth fibers and miscellaneous matter. The police-chemist then patiently examined both mounds of dirt under a microscope, grunting with satisfaction as he did so.

Lifting his head, he then asked for and was handed the flashlight. This time he used a tiny dust collector to probe into the ridge formed where the head of the flashlight is screwed on to the body of the instrument.

The dust obtained was also carefully scrutinized under the microscope.

At length, the examiner rose, nodded to the police officer in charge of the case, and went into a brief but thorough explanation of his findings. The police officer listened in silence, thanked the chemist, and took both coats back into the other room.

Handing each man back his coat, he turned to the suspect, and without attempting to hide his satisfaction, grimly said:

"We've got you, mister—got you cold!"

But the robber was an old hand in the business and not easily ruffled.

"You can't kid me! From what I've heard, the real crook was masked and left no prints or clues that could pin him to that job. Now that you need someone to take the rap, you pick on me! Well, I'm clean and you know it!"

"You're not as clean as you think," said the lawman. He invited both men to follow him into the next room. Standing in front of the two piles of dust, he looked up and said:

"I can prove that you were the man who grappled with the man whose house you robbed. Take a look."

Three pairs of eyes riveted on the dust particles.

"Look for yourself!" explained the police officer. "This is the pile of debris we got from the gray coat. It's mostly filled with gray fibers, as could be expected. But if you look closely, you'll also notice brown fibers—identical with the brown fibers of the other coat—your coat, you crook!

"On the other hand, the brown coat yielded bits of gray fibers that exactly match the fibers of the gray coat. Obviously, your coats have come in contact with each other.

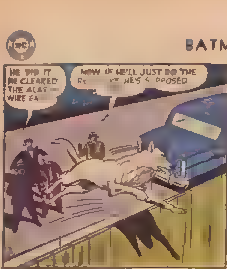
"And to clinch this case, we also vacuumed some of same brown fibers from that flashlight of yours!"

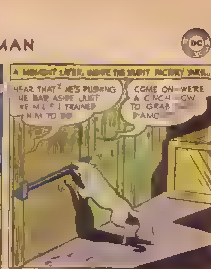
The crook stared, incoherent for a moment, at the small vacuum cleaner. "Y-you mean, I was trapped by a vacu-vacuum cleaner?" he gasped.

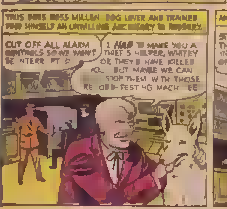
"You'd be surprised at the gadgets the police use to fight crime," smiled the police officer.

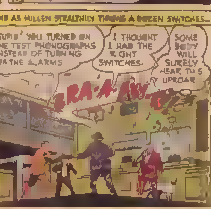
—Jack E. Miller

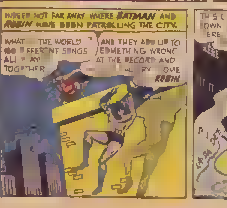
BATMAN
BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN THE TIME WHEN THEY HAD A LOYAL PARTNER IN THE FORM OF ACE, THE BAT-HOUND! NOW WHEN A STRANGE AND SINISTER SCHEME STRIKES AT GOTHAM CITY THE CAPED CRIME BUSTERS CALL AGAIN ON THEIR LOYAL FOUR-FOOTED FRIEND AND THE CLEVEREST OF ALL CANINE CROOK CATCHERS IS ON THE TRAIL ONCE MORE IN...
"The Return of the BAT-HOUND!"
OK, ACE'S FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF THAT THIEF DOG!
KANE
ONE NI[illegible] OUTSIDE A GOTHAM CITY FACTORY
THIS PLACE [illegible] HAS PLENTY OF INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS FOR PHONOGRAPH NEEDLES. IT'LL BE A [illegible] IF WE CAN GET [illegible]
THE WAY WE GOT IT PLANNED WE [illegible] GET IN WITHOUT TOUCHING OFF ANY ALARMS
ALL RIGHT, McNEAL, MAKE YOUR DOG DO HIS STUFF OR WE'LL FIX HIM RIGHT NOW
NO, DON'T HURT HIM! GO AHEAD, [illegible] DO WHAT I TRAINED YOU TO DO



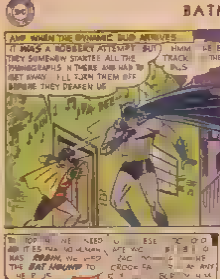


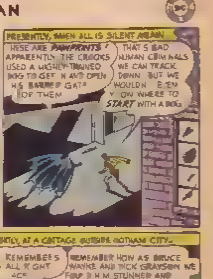


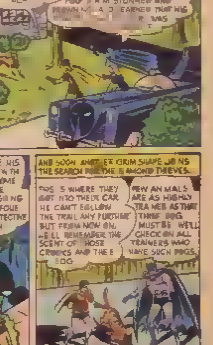


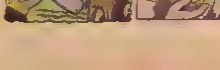


HE DID IT! HE CLEARED THE ALARM WIRE EA[illegible]
NOW IF HE'LL JUST DO THE R[illegible] HE'S SUPPOSED
A MOMENT LATER, INSIDE THE [illegible] FACTORY YARD...
HEAR THAT? HE'S PUSHING THE BAR ASIDE JUST AS MILLER TRAINED HIM TO DO!
COME ON--WE'RE A CINCH NOW TO GRAB [illegible] PAMO[illegible]
THUS DOES BOSS MILLER, DOG LOVER AND TRAINER, FIND HIMSELF AN UNWILLING ACCESSORY TO ROBBERY.
CUT OFF ALL ALARM CONTROLS SO WE WON'T BE INTERRUPTED!
I HAD TO MAKE YOU A THIEF'S HELPER, WHITEY, OR THEY'D HAVE KILLED YOU. BUT MAYBE WE CAN STOP THEM WITH THOSE RECORD-TESTING MACHINES!
AND AS MILLER STEALTHILY THROWS A DOZEN SWITCHES...
STUPID! YOU TURNED ON THE TEST PHONOGRAPHS INSTEAD OF TURNING OFF THE ALARMS!
I THOUGHT I HAD THE RIGHT SWITCHES.
SOMEBODY WILL SURELY HEAR THIS [illegible] UPROAR
BRA-A-AW-W!
MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY, WHERE BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE BEEN PATROLLING THE CITY...
WHAT IN THE WORLD! 100 DIFFERENT SONGS ALL PLAYING TOGETHER!
AND THEY ARE UP TO SOMETHING WRONG AT THE RECORD AND [illegible] FACTORY! COME, ROBIN!
THIS'LL WAKE EVERYONE IN TOWN! [illegible] OUT OF HERE [illegible]
YEAH! [illegible] YOU STICK WITH US, MILLER, OR THE DOG GETS IT! WE CAN STILL USE YOU ON OTHER JOBS!
BEEE—

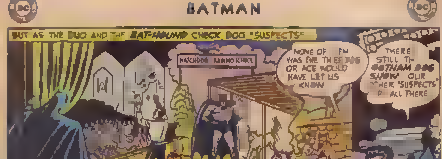


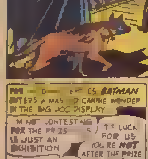


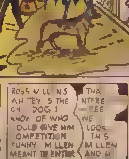


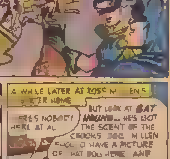


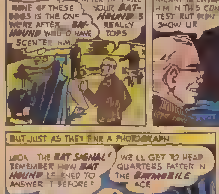
AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO ARRIVES
IT WAS A ROBBERY ATTEMPT, BUT THEY SOMEHOW STARTED ALL THE PHONOGRAPHS IN THERE AND HAD TO GET AWAY! I'LL TURN THEM OFF BEFORE THEY DEAFEN US!
HMM [illegible] HERE [illegible] TRACK [illegible] THE [illegible]
DUM
TUM DEE--
PRESENTLY, WHEN ALL IS SILENT AGAIN
THESE ARE PAWPRINTS! APPARENTLY THE CROOKS USED A HIGHLY-TRAINED DOG TO GET IN AND OPEN HIS BARRED GATE FOR THEM!
THAT'S BAD! HUMAN CRIMINALS WE CAN TRACK DOWN, BUT WE WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START WITH A DOG!
TO STOP [illegible] WE NEED [illegible] IT [illegible] HUMAN [illegible] WAS ROBIN, WE [illegible] THE BAT HOUND TO [illegible]
[illegible] THESE [illegible] ARE WE [illegible] CROOKS [illegible] AT ANY [illegible] FRE [illegible]
SHORTLY, AT A COTTAGE OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY...
HE REMEMBERS US ALL RIGHT, [illegible] ACE!
REMEMBER HOW AS BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON WE FOUND HIM STUNNED AND BROWN [illegible] AND LEARNED THAT HIS [illegible] WAS [illegible]
[illegible] HAD BEEN SEEN WITH BRUCE WAYNE AND COULD BE RECOGNIZED BY THE MARK ON HIS FOREHEAD WE MADE HIM A MASK
NO ONE CAN RECOGNIZE HIM NOW WITH THIS MASK ON!
AND HE CAN HELP US TRACK DOWN HIS MISSING MASTER!
SURE YOU CAN BORROW ACE AGAIN, BATMAN! YOU AND HE ONCE SAVED MY LIFE AND [illegible] GET [illegible]
HAVE HIS MASK WITH US. COME ON, ACE, YOU'RE GOING TO BE A FOUR-FOOTED DETECTIVE AGAIN!
AND SOON ANOTHER GRIM SHAPE JOINS THE SEARCH FOR THE DIAMOND THIEVES.
THIS IS WHERE THEY GOT INTO THEIR CAR. HE CAN'T FOLLOW THE TRAIL ANY FURTHER! BUT FROM NOW ON, HE'LL REMEMBER THE SCENT OF THOSE CROOKS AND THEIR DOG!
FEW ANIMALS ARE AS HIGHLY TRAINED AS THAT THIEF DOG. MUST BE [illegible] WE'LL CHECK ON ALL TRAINERS WHO HAVE SUCH DOGS.
GRRR-R-R!

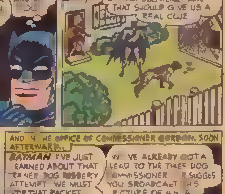




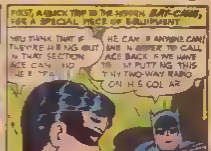


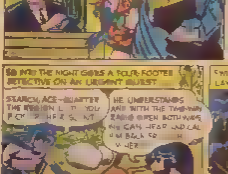


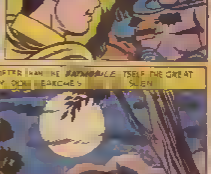


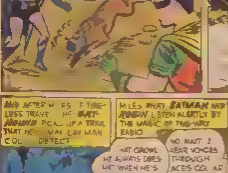


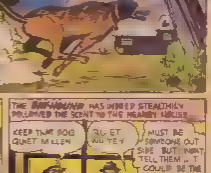
BUT AS THE DUO AND THE BAT-HOUND CHECK DOG "SUSPECTS"
DACHSHUND KENNELS
NONE OF THEM WAS THE THIEF DOG OR ACE WOULD HAVE LET US KNOW
THERE'S STILL THE GOTHAM DOG SHOW! OUR OTHER "SUSPECTS" ARE ALL THERE
[illegible] BATMAN ENTERS A MASKED CANINE WONDER IN THE BIG DOG DISPLAY
I'M NOT CONTESTING FOR THE PRIZES [illegible] IS JUST AN EXHIBITION
IT'S LUCK FOR US YOU'RE NOT AFTER THE PRIZE! YOUR BAT-HOUND IS REALLY TOPS
NONE OF THESE DOGS IS THE ONE WE'RE AFTER... BAT-HOUND WOULD HAVE SCENTED HIM
ROSS MILLEN'S ANXIETY IS THE CHAMP DOG I KNOW OF WHO COULD GIVE HIM COMPETITION. FUNNY... MILLEN MEANT TO ENTER HIM IN THIS CONTEST, BUT DIDN'T SHOW UP
THAT'S INTERESTING... WE [illegible] LOOK [illegible] THIS MILLEN AND HIS [illegible]
A WHILE LATER AT ROSS MILLEN'S [illegible] HOME
THERE'S NOBODY HERE AT ALL
BUT LOOK AT BAT-HOUND... HE'S GOT THE SCENT OF THE CROOKS' DOG! MILLEN SHOULD HAVE A PICTURE OF THAT DOG HERE, AND THAT SHOULD GIVE US A REAL CLUE
BUT JUST AS THEY FIND A PHOTOGRAPH
LOOK, THE BAT-SIGNAL! REMEMBER HOW BAT-HOUND LEARNED TO ANSWER IT BEFORE?
WE'LL GET TO HEADQUARTERS FASTER IN THE BATMOBILE, ACE
AND IN THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER GORDON, SOON AFTERWARD...
BATMAN, I'VE JUST LEARNED ABOUT THAT OTHER DOG ROBBERY ATTEMPT! WE MUST STOP THAT RACKET. THERE'S NO ORDINARY DEFENSE AGAINST IT
WE'VE ALREADY GOT A LEAD TO THE THIEF DOG, COMMISSIONER! I SUGGEST YOU BROADCAST THIS PICTURE OF HIM AT ONCE



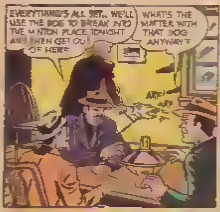


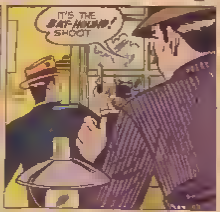


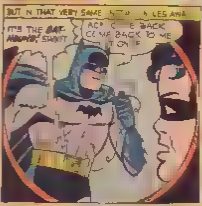


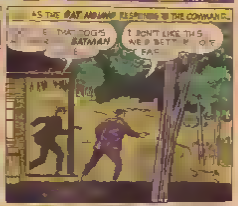


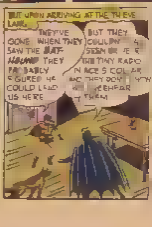
IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE BATMAN'S LEAD PAYS OFF.
A PATROLMAN SAW A DOG LIKE THAT IN A CAR WITH SOME MEN IN THE WEST HILLS SUBURB. BUT THAT'S A BIG AREA TO SEARCH
WITH BAT-HOUND HELPING WE MAY BE ABLE TO SEARCH FASTER THAN YOU THINK
FIRST, A QUICK TRIP TO THE HIDDEN BAT-CAVE, FOR A SPECIAL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT
YOU THINK THAT IF THEY'RE HIDING OUT IN THAT SECTION ACE CAN FIND THEM
HE CAN IF ANYONE CAN! AND IN ORDER TO CALL ACE BACK IF WE HAVE TO I'M PUTTING THIS TINY TWO-WAY RADIO ON HIS COLLAR
SO INTO THE NIGHT GOES A FOUR-FOOTED DETECTIVE ON AN URGENT QUEST
SEARCH, ACE--QUARTER THE REGION LIKE YOU PICK UP THE SCENT
HE UNDERSTANDS AND WITH THE TWO-WAY RADIO OPEN BOTH WAYS WE CAN HEAR AND CALL HIM BACK
ARFF
SWIFTER THAN THE BATMOBILE ITSELF THE GREAT DOG SEARCHES
AND AFTER MILES OF TIRELESS TRAVEL THE BAT-HOUND PICKS UP A TRAIL THAT NO MAN COULD DETECT
MILES AWAY BATMAN AND ROBIN LISTEN ALERTLY BY THE MAGIC OF TWO-WAY RADIO
NOW WAIT I HEAR VOICES THROUGH ACE'S COLLAR RADIO. HE MUST HAVE CREPT UP ON THEM
HIS GROWL HE ALWAYS DOES THAT WHEN HE'S STRUCK A TRAIL NOW HE CAN LEAD US TO THE PLACE
THE BAT-HOUND HAS INDEED STEALTHILY FOLLOWED THE SCENT TO THE NEARBY HOUSE
KEEP THAT DOG QUIET MILLEN
QUIET YOU
MUST BE SOMEONE OUTSIDE BUT WON'T TELL THEM IT COULD BE THE LAW

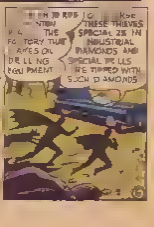












EVERYTHING'S ALL SET.. WE'LL USE THE DOG TO BREAK INTO THE MINTON PLACE TONIGHT AND THEN GET OUT OF HERE
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THAT DOG ANYWAY?
ARF! ARF!
IT'S THE BAT-HOUND! SHOOT
BUT IN THAT VERY SAME [illegible] MILES AWAY
IT'S THE BAT-HOUND! SHOOT
ACE! COME BACK! COME BACK TO ME [illegible] AT ONCE
AS THE BAT-HOUND RESPONDS TO THE COMMAND..
[illegible] THAT DOG'S [illegible] BATMAN [illegible]
I DON'T LIKE THIS WE'D BETTER [illegible] OFF FAST
MINUTES LATER
QUICK ACE— LEAD US BACK TO THE HIDE-OUT
WHAT A DOG! HE'S TRACKED DOWN CROOKS WHOM IT MIGHT HAVE TAKEN US DAYS TO FIND
BUT UPON ARRIVING AT THE THIEVES' LAIR..
THEY'VE GONE! WHEN THEY SAW THE BAT-HOUND THEY PROBABLY FIGURED HE COULD LEAD US HERE
BUT THEY COULDN'T [illegible] SEEN OR [illegible] THE TINY RADIO IN ACE'S COLLAR AND THEY DON'T KNOW [illegible] OVERHEARD THEM
[illegible] TO ROB [illegible] MINTON [illegible] THE FACTORY THAT MAKES OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT
OF COURSE! THESE THIEVES SPECIALIZE IN INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS AND SPECIAL [illegible] ARE TIPPED WITH SUCH DIAMONDS

A SWIFT RIDE THROUGH THE NIGHT BRINGS THEM QUICKLY TO THEIR DESTINATION
IT ALL SEEMS QU[illegible]
ANE ACE SNT GROW HS SO HOSE THIEVES HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET GIVES US A CHANCE TO A [illegible] THE [illegible]
THE ACROBATIC SKILL OF THE DYNAMIC DUO GAINS THEM QUICK ENTRANCE ...
THAT DRAIN-PIPE WE FOUND UNDER THE WALL IS THE WEAK POINT A TRAINED DOG COULD GET IN THROUGH IT AND OPEN ONE OF THE GATES BUT WE'LL BE READY FOR THEM IN HERE
SOON AFTERWARD
ALL RIGHT MILLEN HERE YOU'RE [illegible] OPEN UP THE PLACE FOR US SIGNAL US WHEN HE GETS THE GATE OPEN... WE'LL WAIT
[illegible] LET GO [illegible] WE [illegible]
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE BAT-HOUND APPEARED IF SOME HOW BATMAN'S CAUGHT ONTO OUR SCHEME IT'LL BE MILLEN WHO WALKS INTO THE TRAP [illegible] COAST IS CLEAR [illegible] GO [illegible]
BUT ROSS MILLEN HAS MADE A COURAGEOUS DECISION
GO INSIDE WHITEY AND OPEN THE GATE THE WAY I TRAINED YOU
AND ONCE INSIDE I'LL CALL THE POLICE I CAN'T HELP THOSE CROOKS SUCCEED IN A ROBBERY
UP HERE BAT-DOG [illegible] OUR SCENT AND WE'LL BE READY TO JUMP WHEN THE CROOKS COME
ARU? [illegible]
[illegible] M NOT ONE [illegible] THEM THEY [illegible] ME TO DO [illegible] DID GIVE [illegible] AT THE RECORD FACTORY
7

HIS STORY SEEMS TRUE, BATMAN! IT WAS STRANGE ABOUT THAT ALARM AT THE RECORD-PLANT
HMM -- THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PROVE IT -- AND GRAB THE CROOKS OUT THERE AT THE SAME TIME! QUICK GET SOME CHALK DUST OUT OF THE FACTORY WHILE I GET OUT MY UTILITY-BELT MAKE-UP KIT
AND WHILE BATMAN USES HIS MASTERY OF MAKE-UP ROBIN CREATES A DOG DISGUISE
MILLEN LENT ME HIS SUIT AND YOU'VE SURE MADE BAT-HOUND A DOUBLE OF WHITEY! YOU WATCH MILLEN WHILE I'M OUT THERE
RIGHT
PRESENTLY
TO THE PLACE! YOU DOUBLE CROSS S AND WE OUR DISGUISE WE THREATENED
THANKS THAT'S ALL I NEED TO PROVE MILLEN'S STORY
THAT BAT HOUND! DISARM HIM FAST
THE BAT HOUND DISGUISED THEN HE MUST BE BATMAN!
AND HERE ROBIN I GUESS NOT NEED BAT HOUND'S JOB
SO LATER, WITH THE THIEVES JAILED AND AN INNOCENT MAN CLEARED
GOODBYE TO BAT HOUND WHITEY HE'S THE ONE WHO HELPED BATMAN AND ROBIN US
AND HERE'S ACE BACK MR. N BUT I'LL KEEP HIS MASK FOR HIM -- JUST IN CASE BAT-HOUND EVER TAKES THE TRAIL AGAIN
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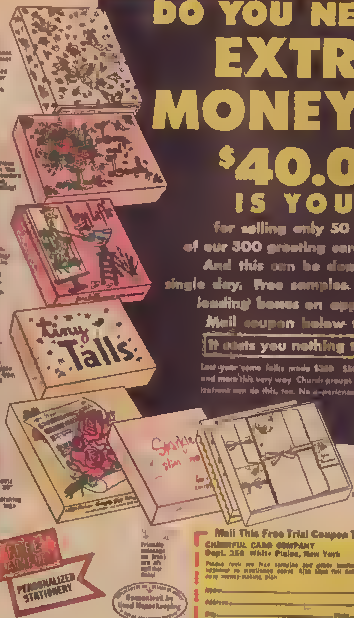

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says George F. Jowett World [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

NO!, don't care how skinny or flabby you are; if you're [illegible] in your 20's or 30's or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you do. All I want is [illegible] [illegible] MINUTES in your home to MAKE YOU OVER by the SAME METHOD I [illegible] myself from a wreck to a Champion of Champions.

YES! [illegible] INCH per INCH of MIGHTY [illegible] added to YOUR [illegible] and CHEST [illegible]. Your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from head to heels, you'll gain [illegible] SIZE, POWER, SPEED! You'll become an ALL-Around [illegible] HE-MAN, a WINNER in everything you tackle [illegible] my Training won't [illegible] you one penny [illegible]

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